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Amendments to the Claims

A detailed list of all claims under examination is set out below. Please amend claims 1-4 as shown below:

1. (currently amended): An improvement station for improving the longitudinal uniformity of a wet coating on a substrate having a direction of motion ~~comprising:~~
(a) ~~two or more pick-and-place devices that rotate in the direction of motion or~~
(b) ~~four or more pick-and-place devices that rotate counter to the direction of motion;~~
~~and in which the~~ comprising three or more pick-and-place devices (a) or (b) periodically that
contact the wet coating at a first position on the substrate and re-contact the wet coating at positions on the substrate whose lengths along the substrate with respect to the first position are not all the same or integer multiples of one another.
2. (currently amended): An improvement station according to claim 1 wherein at least two of the pick-and-place devices ~~(a) or (b) have contacting periods that improve coating uniformity~~ rotate in the direction of substrate motion.
3. (currently amended): An improvement station according to claim 1 wherein the pick-and-place devices ~~(a) or (b) comprise a train of three~~ four or more rolls ~~that contact the wet coating, and the rotational periods of three or more of the rolls are not periodically related to one another~~ of different sizes.
4. (currently amended): An improvement station according to claim 3 wherein the pick-and-place devices ~~(a) or (b) comprise a train of five or more rolls~~ of different sizes.

Claims 5-18 cancelled.